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SUBJECT: PRC AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN

1. PRC AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO HIS POST TODAY, FEBRUARY 13, AFTER A FOUR-MONTH STAY IN CHINA.
2. THE JAPANESE EMBASSY TELLS US THAT AMBASSADOR OGAWA, AT DINNER HE HELD FOR CHEN ON FEBRUARY 11, WAS UTTERLY UNSUCCESSFUL IN EFFORTS TO DRAW HIM OUT ON THE CURRENT PRC LEADERSHIP SITUATION. FOR EXAMPLE, CHEN DEALT WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT WHEN, AND BY WHOM, THE PREMIER'S POSITION WOULD BE FILLED ON OTHER THAN "ACTING" BASIS BY SAYING VERIOUSLY " ALL DECISIONS ARE MADE BY THE CENTER (CHUNG YANG)" AND "I AM NOT A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS, AND THEREFORE AM NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT."
3. MFA NOTIFIED JAPANESE EMBASSY ON FEBRUARY 4 OF CHEN'S PLANS TO RETURN.
4. VICE FOREIGN MINISTER HAN NIEN-LUNG WAS ALSO INVITED TO THE DINNER FOR CHEN. MFA CONVEYED HIS REGRETS ON THE 10TH WITH THE EXPLANATION THAT HAN WAS "STILL NOT IN GOOD HEALTH." (JAPANESE CONFIDENTIAL

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HAD HEARD FROM MFA "SOMETIME EARLIER" THAT HAN WAS NOT WELL.)

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